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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 68

16 May 1950

1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Lydman	State
*Mr. Wayne	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
*Maj. Joy	Army
*Mr. Foley	Army
Cdr. Howell	Navy
Lt. Cdr. Nutt	Navy
Lt. Col. Wade	Air Force
	CIA
	CIA (Chairman)

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*Working-level specialists

2. Members are to examine proposals regarding the revision of Standard Instructions for Chapter I (Brief) and prepare for discussion thereof at the next meeting. Copies of these proposals were distributed to members at NIS Committee Meeting No. 52, 20 December 1949.

3. The revised Standard Instructions for Chapter VI (Economic), including a draft of instructions for Subsection 62D (Electric Power) agreed upon by State and the Office of the Chief of Engineers, was approved.

4. The Office of the Chief of Engineers will produce two new Subsections 62D during FY 1951 under the revised outline. OCE will not undertake formal revision of those Subsections 62D now in the hands of State but will look over these subsections with a view to bringing them up to date before State submits them, along with other Section 62 material, to D/NIS.

5. The composite draft of the NIS Production Schedule for FY 1951 was examined and discussed. It was pointed out that the proposed schedule is unrealistic because of the excessive number of sections carried in several months, especially June 1951. This may have been brought about by the fact that the proposed schedule reflects too closely claimed capabilities of the working level and insufficiently the coordinating and review capabilities

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of the chapter coordinators. There should, in fact, be two schedules: one for the contributions of subcontributors and one for coordinated and reviewed contributions to D/NIS. The latter should reflect the realistic capabilities of chapter coordinators to deliver well-coordinated and reviewed contributions to D/NIS. If all of the contributions included on the working-level schedule cannot be included on the chapter coordinator schedule, these contributions may be carried over to the chapter coordinator schedule for FY 1952. State and Army, as chapter coordinators, are, without altering their schedules for contributions from subcontributors, to formulate chapter coordinator schedules of the type above discussed and forward them to D/NIS as soon as practicable. This type of schedule, when finally adopted, will be used at the policy and control level only and will not be disseminated to the working level.

6. The schedule for Chapter VII (Scientific) as proposed by the Chapter VII Subcommittee for FY 1951 was read to the committee. This proposed schedule covered the following countries:

Yugoslavia	Albania
Czechoslovakia	Romania
Bulgaria	Austria
Hungary	Greece

USSR (revision to be
completed by 1 July 1950)

It was pointed out that none of the above-listed countries except the USSR carries out to any important degree scientific research and development of the type which is of interest to NIS; that, of the relatively few countries of the world that are important from the scientific research and development point of view, the USSR is far and away the most important to US security interest; and that the Chapter VII of NIS 26 (USSR) about to be published is so deficient in quality that it could not be much improved by the proposed short-term revision. Since the scientific intelligence capabilities of the Government are at this time definitely limited, therefore, it seems wise to concentrate them on the one most important target rather than to spread them thinly over a number of targets. Hence, it was proposed that all of FY 1951 be devoted to re-doing completely Chapter VII of NIS 26, covering therein any research and development activities being carried on in the Soviet orbit countries. In this new Chapter VII of NIS 26, OSI would undertake the production of Sections 70 (Introduction) and 73 (Atomic Energy).

It was stated that the only parts of the present Standard Instructions for Chapter VII which need substantial revision are the instructions for Section 70 and possibly those for Section 76 (Miscellaneous).

The Chairman offered to meet with the Chapter VII Subcommittee to

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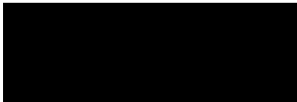
explain and discuss these matters further.

7. It was reported that the drafts of Standard Instructions for Sub-section 62C (Petroleum) and Supplement V (Petroleum) prepared by the NIS Petroleum Subcommittee have been turned over to the Survey Section, Munitions Board Petroleum Committee, for reshaping. Copies of these revised drafts will be distributed to members at the next meeting. Members are to clear these revised drafts with their agency representatives on the NIS Petroleum Subcommittee so that the NIS Committee may approve these Standard Instructions without delay.

8. The Chairman undertook to meet agency revised requirements for interim copies of Standard Instructions. It was pointed out, however, that, since the Editorial Instructions and instructions for Chapters IV (Sociological) and V (Political) were originally reproduced by hectograph, it will be necessary to cut mimeograph stencils for further reproduction of them. Hence, there may be some delay in furnishing increased requirements for these elements.

9. The next meeting was scheduled for 1000 hours, Tuesday, 23 May 1950, at CIA.

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